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Quarterly Market Report

TIMBER CUTTINGS, JANUARY-AUGUST, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

Sawlogs cut in Louisiana during the first eight months of this year totaled 796,233,834 board feet. This volume represents an increase of 41 percent compared with the same period a year ago but is only 7.4 percent above the 1970-74 average.

Pulpwood harvested through August of this year amounted to 2,223,254 cords. Cuttings are running 27.2 percent above a year ago but are down 2.6 percent compared with the previous 5-year average.

Additional timber harvested so far this year includes 8,087,609 board feet of sawtimber and 14,436 cords of pulpwood under reforestation contracts.

MARKET SUMMARY, THIRD QUARTER, 1976

Stumpage prices paid for pine sawlogs averaged \$103.40 per thousand board feet. This average represents an increase of only 2 percent above the record high of the previous quarter indicating a slowdown in the recent upward price trend. Hardwood stumpage showed no important price changes.

Pole prices continue unchanged from the previous quarter and have remained fairly stable for the past year.

Pulpwood stumpage averaged \$6.80 and \$2.80 for pine and hardwood respectively. Pine prices have increased slightly from year ago averages while hardwood has barely held even.

Wood Chips averaged \$11.80 per ton for pine and \$9.55 for hardwood F.O.B. sawmill.

During the July-September quarter, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported. 1/

Specie	SAWLOGS		PULPWOOD	
	MBF <u>2/</u>	Ave. Price Dollars/MBF	Cords	Ave. Price Dollars/Cord
Syp	19,605	126.43	34,666	6.77
Mx. Hdwd.	621	26.08	3,274	2.42

1/ Does not include salvage sales.

2/ Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1976
WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from following reported prices

							<u>STATE AVERAGE</u>		
							July-Sept. 1976	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
(A)	<u>Sawlogs (Stumpage)</u>	<u>Area 1 (Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 2 (Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 3 (Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 4 (Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 5 (Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>
	Pine M.Bd.Ft.	110.80	110.85	99.10	85.00	1/	103.40	101.25	85.45
	Cypress "	35.00	50.00	37.50	41.65	37.50	40.85	42.40	43.05
	Oaks "	34.40	43.35	32.85	41.25	39.15	38.10	38.30	33.40
	Gums "	34.40	41.25	33.35	38.35	39.15	37.25	38.85	35.55
	Willow "	33.50	38.75	1/	40.00	37.50	37.05	37.05	34.20
	Ash "	37.00	60.00	1/	48.15	44.15	46.20	45.00	45.85
	Cottonwood "	36.00	45.00	1/	41.65	38.35	39.75	40.70	36.25
	Mixed Hardwoods"	36.00	45.00	31.60	40.00	33.00	36.80	36.25	34.25
(B)	<u>Sawlogs (Delivered)</u>								
	Pine M.Bd.Ft.	148.30	147.50	141.50	130.70	1/	140.75	138.15	122.25
	Cypress "	78.75	96.00	89.00	94.15	92.00	90.10	88.60	87.00
	Oaks "	83.10	92.15	81.90	91.90	96.00	87.90	84.10	76.95
	Gums "	83.10	92.50	84.15	90.85	96.00	88.50	84.10	80.30
	Willow "	77.50	84.50	1/	92.50	94.00	85.40	83.75	78.95
	Ash "	81.00	105.00	80.00	100.85	97.00	93.20	91.65	91.75
	Cottonwood "	79.00	92.00	1/	94.15	95.00	88.55	86.35	83.55
	Mixed Hardwoods"	82.50	91.65	83.65	92.50	91.25	87.30	83.05	78.25
2.	<u>Poles, Barky (FOB Plant or Concentration Point) - Each -</u>								
	30-Ft. Class 5	9.65	1/	9.00	1/	1/	9.25	9.45	9.35
	" 6	8.10	1/	7.85	1/	1/	7.90	7.95	7.85
	" 7	6.40	1/	6.40	1/	1/	6.35	6.45	5.80
	35-Ft. Class 4	15.00	1/	16.20	1/	1/	15.45	15.30	15.05
	" 5	13.30	1/	14.25	1/	1/	13.45	13.45	13.20
	" 6	10.40	1/	11.70	1/	1/	10.80	10.80	10.35
	" 7	8.00	1/	9.05	1/	1/	8.45	8.55	7.70
	40-Ft. Class 2	25.70	1/	28.25	1/	1/	26.80	26.80	26.70
	" 3	22.15	1/	23.60	1/	1/	22.70	22.65	23.60
	" 4	18.85	1/	20.25	1/	1/	19.45	19.45	19.30
	" 5	16.60	1/	18.20	1/	1/	17.20	17.15	16.90
	" 6	13.00	1/	15.05	1/	1/	13.75	13.75	12.65
	45-Ft. Class 2	32.15	1/	33.65	1/	1/	32.80	31.75	33.35
	" 3	26.60	1/	29.50	1/	1/	27.50	27.65	28.00
	" 4	22.35	1/	24.90	1/	1/	23.30	24.05	23.35
	" 5	19.90	1/	21.40	1/	1/	20.45	20.50	20.60
	50-Ft. Class 2	37.10	1/	40.05	1/	1/	38.35	38.80	38.55
	" 3	32.00	1/	33.65	1/	1/	32.60	32.70	32.80
	" 4	26.80	1/	29.85	1/	1/	28.10	28.15	26.95
	55-Ft. Class 2	43.80	1/	51.05	1/	1/	46.90	46.90	46.60
	" 3	37.05	1/	45.20	1/	1/	40.50	40.50	38.00
	" 4	36.80	1/	34.85	1/	1/	35.85	37.05	37.85
	60-Ft. Class 2	50.55	1/	59.90	1/	1/	54.55	52.80	54.95
	" 3	43.80	1/	51.45	1/	1/	47.70	47.70	48.35
	65-Ft. Class 2	58.30	1/	68.30	1/	1/	62.60	60.55	63.25
	" 3	49.85	1/	60.30	1/	1/	55.65	54.10	56.85
	70-Ft. Class 2	66.25	1/	77.20	1/	1/	70.95	69.10	76.00
	" 3	57.95	1/	67.80	1/	1/	64.40	60.65	67.65
	75-Ft. Class 2	77.85	1/	89.05	1/	1/	82.65	80.55	89.55
	" 3	67.85	1/	78.50	1/	1/	72.40	68.95	75.55
	80-Ft. Class 2	91.30	1/	99.20	1/	1/	94.65	93.65	99.20
	" 3	76.90	1/	88.45	1/	1/	81.85	79.45	84.45

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	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	July-Sept. 1976	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
3. <u>Pulpwood, Per Cord:</u>	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
Pine, Stumpage	7.35	6.00	6.90	4.95	6.85	6.80	6.60	6.55
Pine, FOB Car	31.00	<u>1/</u>	30.25	<u>1/</u>	30.15	30.20	30.10	29.15
Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage	2.80	3.15	2.70	2.90	2.65	2.80	2.75	2.85
Hardwood, Mixed FOB Car	27.40	<u>1/</u>	25.00	<u>1/</u>	26.00	25.95	26.30	26.00

1/ Insufficient number of quotes to report on area basis but included in Statewide average.

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement.